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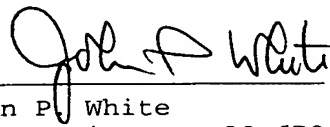
search of the prior art relevant to Group I would identify stabilizing agents and other additives used in formulations such as amino acid stabilizing agents, lyoprotectants, non-ionic detergents and osmolality adjusting agents. Therefore, there would be no serious burden on the Examiner to examine Groups I including species (a)-(d) together in the subject application.

In view of the foregoing, applicants maintain that restriction and species election under 35 U.S.C. §121 is not proper, and respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the requirement for restriction.

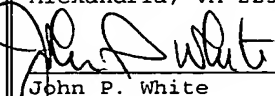
If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee, other than the \$1080.00 fee for a five-month extension of time, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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